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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

Fort Ord BRAC Office

MAY 31 2005

Claire Trombadore  
Remedial Project Manager  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region IX  
75 Hawthorne Street, Mail Code: SFD-8-3  
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Dear Ms. Trombadore:

This letter transmits the final version of the *Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST)*, *Track 0 Parcels and Track 0 Plug-in B Parcels, Former Fort Ord, California*, dated May 2005. The FOST describes a number of parcels (the Property) located within the boundaries of the former Fort Ord, which the Department of the Army (Army) believes are suitable for transfer pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), Sections 120(h)(3) and 120(h)(4). The Army also believes that it has responded to all comments previously submitted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), except as noted in the FOST, and requests the US EPA's concurrence with the Army's determination that the Property is suitable for transfer.

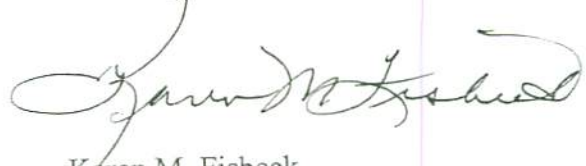
This letter also serves to request that the US EPA concur that certain parcels, which are fully described in the FOST, meet the standard described in CERCLA Section 120(h)(4). The parcels are E18.2.1, E18.2.2, E18.3, E20c.2.2, E29b.3, E29e, L20.13.2, L20.13.3.2, L20.13.4, L20.7.1, L20.7.2, L20.7.3, L20.7.4, L20.7.5, L3.1, S4.2.1, S4.2.2, S4.2.3, S4.2.4, L5.10.2, S3.2.1, and S3.2.2. These parcels were identified as disqualified in the original CERCLA 120(h)(4) assessment done for the former Fort Ord, but determined to meet the standard upon further investigation.

The draft version of the FOST, dated March 2005 included Parcels L20.13.1 and L20.13.3. Based on closer examination, it was determined these parcels are overlapped by Munitions Response Site 43 (MRS-43) and some munitions items were found within the parcel boundaries. As a result, the portions of these parcels overlapped by MRS-43 and where munitions items were found (now designated Parcels L20.13.1.2 and L20.13.3.1) have been removed from the FOST. The unaffected portions remaining in the FOST are now designated as Parcels L20.13.1.1 and L20.13.3.2.

The draft version of the FOST was issued for a 30-day public review and comment period that ended on April 26, 2005. No comments were received from the public.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, and for your continued support of the environmental cleanup of the former Fort Ord.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen M. Fisbeck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

Karen M. Fisbeck  
Director, Fort Ord BRAC Office